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Eagle Scouts Soar into Adulthood

By Mick Colageo

When Troop 31 members Trent Crook, Robbie Nordahl and Tyler Souza are recognized on Sunday at 1:00 pm the Rochester Grange for making Eagle Scout, they hope people understand how scouting has expanded their lives.

"It just teaches you, you've got to be a good person," said Souza, 19. "Every day it's like, 'What did you do to help someone out?' How can we help the community? Then we get the survival skills to learn how to be independent."

The trio's beginnings were nearly as close as their present state as great friends and partners in scouting.

"We all started out around the same time, we've all been friends since we were kids," said Crook, 18, who like Souza is a 2022 Old Colony Regional Vocational-Technical High School graduate. "Probably around the time we started getting close to Eagle or were thinking about getting Eagle is probably when we decided essentially that we were going to have it all at the same time."

Nordahl, 18, a Middleborough native whose family connections and general attraction to Troop 31 clinched the decision to join the Rochester group, recalls that any time one of the three earned a rank higher than the other two, within two or three weeks all three would be at the same achievement level.

It's always been that way, but the three have been careful not to let their friendship become an exclusive club.

Crook's Eagle Scout project was to improve signage to Troop 31's camp owned by the YMCA, a woodsy area needing some navigational assistance. He also did a couple of signs pointing to far-away campsites including one in England where scouting as Americans know it first took place.

Souza's project involved the surface and color restoration of gravestones at a local cemetery. He considers the success rate "moderate" because the multistep process required more hands than were

available.

"We did the whole thing, but we weren't able to get really in depth with it because we didn't have enough people," he said.

Nordahl repaired the storage shed and cleaned the maintenance building at the Dexter Lane ball fields. His crew also repainted one of the sheds on the site and changed out parts to help it better withstand the weather.

Citing the fact his and Crook's fathers both served on the Rochester Police Department, Nordahl's original idea was to perform maintenance on the department's radar trailer. But the funding mechanisms and timing proved a valuable lesson in the ways of municipal government and the tackling of projects.

"When I was doing my Eagle Scout project and seeing all these different people in the government and also seeing how they operate in the government, it encouraged me to study law," said Nordahl, who is majoring in Political Science on the Law track at the University of Maine. "It was one of the deciding factors for me."

Crook, who is studying aerospace engineering at Clarkson University, dreams of working someday for NASA or SpaceX (the Space Exploration Technologies

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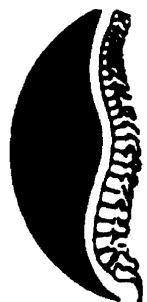
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Corporation.) He was at age 12 or 13 when he made space exploration his second badge at camp.

"It's a dream job but not too far outside the realm of stuff I've done already," he said. Crook studied electrical engineering at Old Colony. "Scouts certainly helped with that."

Except for troop or pack leaders, Boy Scouts of America activities end at age 21, but affiliated organizations continue scouting such as Adventure Scouts and Sea Scouts.

Souza noted that Eagle scouts enter the military at a higher rank. The UMass Dartmouth student is taking his lessons with him but is in no hurry to determine a long-range plan.

The three members of Boy Scouts of America were practically born into Troop 31, which they say has an Eagle Scout accomplishment rate of approximately 50% among those in position to take the decisive step. The national rate, they said, hovers closer to 7%.

Nordahl said the three were advised to get their Eagle Scout requirements out of the way early in life so as not to conflict with the popular parts of being a teenager such as sports and social life.

The trio remains indebted to two scout leaders in particular, Michael Blanchard, the old-school leader from whom they learned many things, and more recently Kevin Thompson, who ushered in a mentoring approach, often grouping older or more-accomplished scouts with younger ones.

"It didn't just teach us how to live in the woods," said Nordahl, "it taught us how to live in the world."

Troop 31 has announced its golf-outing fundraiser on Tuesday August 22, at the Back Nine club in Lakeville. Sponsorships start at \$100. A round of golf and dinner is \$125 per person or \$40 for dinner alone. There will be contests, giveaways and shenanigans. For more information, visit RochesterTroop31Golf.com.

A Secret Become Unsafe

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

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sure whether to take a left onto Barstow Street toward the library or continue on toward the beach. I had seen them earlier while on my daily walk. They were at the end of Long Wharf looking out over the harbor, glancing up at the newly refurbished swordfish, turning toward Goodspeed Island and finally pointing toward the lighthouse before turning back toward Water Street.

As I passed them at the stone monument to our ship-building legacy, I felt compelled to ask if they needed assistance. They did. They wanted to get to the lighthouse. I told them it was a short walk. They asked if they could drive. That and prerequisite fanny packs gave it away, they were tourists. The word tourist can take on a negative connotation to some (not me), so I'll politely call them visitors.

Naturally, being a good-hearted soul and proud of our heritage, I segued into an unsolicited lecture about our cherished village's history, regaling them of our whale ship-building prowess that I was sure our visitors would appreciate. Sensing they had no interest in the details of my tale, I asked where they were from. He was from

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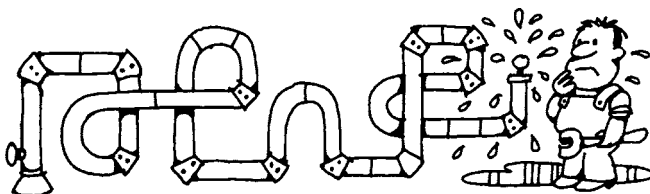
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Ecuador and a professor. She was from Columbia and also worked at a college.

When asked how they happened upon Mattapoisett, I immediately felt sorry for the couple, who said they were here to see the *Arabella*, the floating YouTube sensation recently launched into our harbor. I had to tell them they were a few weeks late, hoping they had not come all the way from South America to see it. (They had not, only from Rhode Island.)

It seems our little village has become quite popular. Even the national news featured Mattapoisett the day after the launch. Alas, our secret is out. Heck, how are you supposed to keep a secret if the whole world knows about our idyllic village? Our Shangri-la of seaside serenity is becoming, shall I say wistfully, too well known. The genie is out of the bottle. The cat is out of the bag.

Over the past month or so, I have met people from all over the world. During the celebrated launch, I spoke with folks from Australia, Germany, Ireland, and several states. The Fourth of July Road Race had runners from as far away as San Francisco. Recent weekends have seen an increase in bicycle traffic, presumably due to the new bike trail. One woman I spoke with said she had rarely been to Mattapoisett, though she lived in Fairhaven.

Some of this newfound popularity may have been the fault of my friend, man-about-town, motorcycle enthusiast and cranberry grower (who will remain nameless to protect me) and who blabbed about our desirability in an article in the big city newspaper north of here. Citing our beautiful scenery, quaint village and cool sea breezes, he noted that real estate was relatively inexpensive compared to the Boston area.

If you call million-dollar homes ... unaffordable to the masses, the hoi-polloi, the working stiff ... affordable, he was right. If you check out the real estate section of that northern journal, you will see nothing but *multi-million-dollar* estates. A million-dollar home here seems downright cheap. Ripe for strangers seeking their own place in paradise.

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Do you think that will discourage the interlopers? Oh well, probably not.

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By Marilou Newell

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light and dark, the tension created by these two visual forces, continues to create opportunities for the artist to explore new realms of expression. Now the Marion Art Center's gallery walls are covered with new ways that the use of light is being presented in a two-person show titled *Illuminations*.
Tamalin Baumgarten and Meredith Leich are two women for which the



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world of art can rejoice. Baumgarten's works have been described as realistic and likened to Edward Hopper. Juxtaposed to Baumgarten's paintings are Meredith Leich's videos and photographs of fine art quality. The two artists met in 2017 while in residency at a summer art colony in Vermont. Their friendship has become creatively entwined as they more recently managed the summer art colony at the Avalon on Cuttyhunk Island.

For Baumgarten, being on Cuttyhunk is like going home, although as a child growing up on the west coast, she seldom visited the Buzzards Bay Island. Her grandfather David Baumgarten and his wife Marilyn Snow lived in the home from 1957 until Snow's passing in 1982. Subsequently, the residence was bequeathed to the

town and a foundation for permanent conservatorship.

The two artists find working together on Cuttyhunk a place where their inspiration becomes aspiration. As Baumgarten pursues a more traditional use of mediums, oils and subject matter, Leich takes on technology with themes both surprising and unique.

Leich is a photographer and an environmentalist using her art to communicate the issue of climate change. In her website biography, she states, "I'm an animator, painter and installation artist whose work explores the nature, place-based in histories and climate change through scientific research and intuitive visual exploration."

Leich possesses the talent for finding the inner lives of inanimate objects, glaciers and buildings, for instance.

The pieces on display at the MAC show her employment of a complicated process, taking sequential photographs of large objects such as factories in Fall River, over which light is placed and videotaped. One image shows the rise and fall of a projected tide against an old factory, while another, of a glacier, includes brilliant, white curvilinear lines. That theme can be found in several of her inkjet compositions. They could denote the passage of time or the omnipresence of the spirit in the natural world.

Baumgarten's themes are luminous in her use of color to convey light as it plays against old homes and structures. The paintings are oil on panel, a time-consuming and exacting painting method. She doesn't give the viewer the full story; we see the corner of a room, the front façade of a church, a row of small sailboats seemingly to float above the water.

When asked about the absence of people in her painting, Baumgarten said, "The viewer is the person in the painting, unseen but there." She said her paintings are full but full of stillness that comes through in her use of muted tones. "These tones hold memories.... Light and shadow are the focus; color would take that away – it would interfere."

To give her finished works an even softer textured appearance, the artist uses a soft brush to gently stipple over paint on the panel. The effect gives the painting a

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'Hello, It's Me'

This Mattapoisett Life

By Marilou Newell

It feels like a free-fall, an uncoupling like none I've ever experienced before. My emotions run the gambit from intense anxiety to depression and everything in

between. I'm alternately angry and sad. Something is missing. I'm missing, and it's all because of Facebook.

Three days ago I received an error message on my phone when I clicked on my Facebook shortcut. Instead of getting the news feed, I read "your account has been locked."

Oh no, how can this be? The last thing I did before going to bed the night before was to check for new postings by my "friends" and group newslinks. Now that door was slammed shut. Now I was cut off, alone, and missing out on all the cool stuff I'd been viewing for years.

I couldn't believe my eyes as I tried to log in. I kept getting that locked-out message and was being directed to register. That didn't seem right. Maybe my phone had been hacked, and the hacker was trying to go deeper into my online accounts by tricking me to register. I wasn't falling for that.

I immediately reached out to my tech-support guru, my granddaughter. After explaining via text - we don't talk much on the phone, we *text* - what the problem was, she asked if my laptop was the same way.

Yes, the laptop had the same error message. "I'm not sure what it can be," she replied. This would require her physical presence but with working two jobs, well really 2.5, her time is a valuable commodity. She assured me she wouldn't forget I needed help but couldn't pin down a day and time at the moment. I understand.

This isn't life or death, this is Facebook. But the loss of the social-media platform has left me feeling very alone. My already quiet life is now close to silent. Yes, I work and talk to people, yes I go to Zumba classes and see acquaintances, share a laugh, get a hug. But Facebook had become my cozy blanket in the storms of life, my connection to others on this blue planet.

These friend connections have become really important to the social fabric of my existence. I need those pictures and videos of other people's grandchildren doing cute things, silly pets, especially cats, responding to the world in hysterical ways. Those laugh-out-loud moments are now gone.

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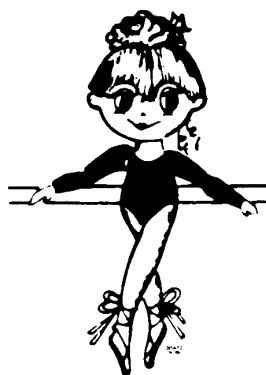
relationships I was able to establish and maintain with cousins I've never met in real life but now know so well. I'm missing those uplifting quotes from former colleagues, who once challenged my every professional decision but now count me in as a friend. Once I was on the inside, but now I'm on the outside and I can't even look in a little bit. Locked out of this expanding universe of virtual humanity, I feel my life has become less somehow.

With time now on my hands because I can't spend it on Facebook, I've come to realize how addicting social media can be. I'm addicted and so I'm contemplating, "do I really need to spend what little life I have left on this side of the grass on Facebook?!"

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I've also come to realize that all the generations who have grown up with a cell phone in their hand may one day go through withdrawal. I'm handling my withdrawal fairly well. I mean, I'm not dashing around trying to reconnect. I'm simply standing by, waiting for help. In the meantime, I'm assessing what is really important at this stage in my life. Facebook withdrawal will do that to you.

But what about those young people who can't seem to get from one moment to the next without looking at their cell-phone screens. What about those preteens and teens who have never been without their phones except possibly when being punished for a few hours. "Give me your phone right now! No phone for you." How did parents discipline their kids before this invention? I forget what the world was like before portable phones, oops, cell phones.

Beyond the impact of 24-7-365 communication with peers, our younger populations are viewing the world through the lens of other young people. They copy each other's clothing, hair, make-up and manner of speaking after seeing what others consider important, not what in reality should be important. And when cut off electronically, they must feel 100 times worse than I do now. Their mental well-being is being challenged daily by what they see on social-media platforms. Have these kids been given the emotional tools to survive without virtual conductivity? I think not. Maybe I don't either.

We are all addicted. None of us goes anywhere, not

even the bathroom, without a cell phone close at hand. My husband and I joke about life before cell phones and the first portable phone we purchased that was nearly the size of a shoe box. Little did we know then how totally dependent we'd become on technology.

No technology, no Facebook, no friends. Humans need to feel included. We seek it, long for it, thrive because of it. Absent my Facebook account, who am I?

I think the time has come for me to reestablish my identity as a living, breathing person who calls people on the phone rather than checks their Facebook page or follows their postings. I'll call up and say, "Hi Friend, just called to say hello and see how you are doing." Will they feel my smile? Will they be glad they answered the phone rather than letting it go to voicemail? Or will the first words out of their mouth be, "Didn't you see the family picture I posted on Facebook?"

Brown-Miquelle Sets Standard in Pastels

By Marilou Newell

Patience and talent paid off for Marion resident Sarah Brown-Miquelle on July 8 when the artist took "Best in Show" at the 27th Annual National Juried Exhibition known as "For Pastels Only" held on Cape Cod.

The singular judge, Chris Ivers, stated, "This was one of the toughest shows I have ever had to judge." Brown-Miquelle told us the competition was stiff. "I'm still floating on a cloud!" she said in reaction to the award.

Of the 85 paintings Ivers studied before making her final decision recognizing Brown-Miquelle's submission, she said, "When I walked into the room and actually was able to experience the incredible energy in this uplifting work, I immediately knew it was going to be a top award winner. ... The vertical strokes ... forced me to move up through the painting only to stop dead in my visual tracks ... by the bright turquoise marks..."

Ivers called Brown-Miquelle's choice of selectively placing that color akin to "a rebel with a cause" and commented that the artist pushed the envelope with the surprising use of color and steep, directional strokes, making it the judge's final choice.

"I thought maybe they overlooked me," Brown-Miquelle said with a tiny chuckle. "I almost dropped when I won." She was indeed gob smacked when her name was spoken, the very last award given at the event.

Brown-Miquelle explained her journey to the winner's circle. First came a picture of the grasses, phragmites to be exact, at Allen's Pond in Westport approximately four years ago. It was a scene that spoke to her artistically and one that she kept returning to without acting upon its siren's call. Finally, she did a small study again, leaving that finished work as the sole foray into this theme.

But the pull was too great. She gave in and took on the demands of working in pastels and this theme of straight lines in a natural setting. What we see are

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not simply vertical lines advancing from a marsh-like mattress, but the push and pull of vegetative swords reaching into a pale, blue sky while surrounded by water.



It is at once realistic and impressionistic. It is perfection of the medium and expert expression of the image she waited so patiently to formulate in her mind.

Brown-Miquelle has been working exclusively in pastels for more than a decade. Her works have graced numerous gallery walls, and she is a member of the Marion Art

Center and the Pastel Painters Society of Cape Cod to name a few associations.

Area artists will know Brown-Miquelle as one of the many students she has worked with over the years at local venues and at her studio on Cove Street in Marion. "I'm still teaching every Monday," she said.

Her inexhaustible delight of sharing her visions and aiding others in the use of pastels included this bit of technical details to this artistically challenged exhibit goer. "First I use a hard crayon (often using a photograph), then I did a small one and used that sort of a map for the larger work." She explained that after applying a layer of softer pastels, she applies a layer of alcohol and finally sprays the finished work with a fixative that she called pastel spray. Brown-Miquelle said that not all artists working in pastels apply the final spray, but she does to avoid ruining all that hard work with an inadvertent smudge.

To see more of Brown-Miquelle's works, visit covestreetstudio.com.

Hurricane Preparedness A Matter of Detail

Marion Chief of Police Richard Nighelli and Fire Chief Brian Jackvony, the town's Emergency Management director and deputy director, shared guidance on hurricane awareness and preparedness this season.

Governor Maura Healey proclaimed July 9-15 as Hurricane Preparedness Week, and June 1 marked the official start of the Atlantic Hurricane Season (through November 30.)

The Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have offered several tips to help residents better prepare for storm surges, strong winds and flooding.

Evacuate when ordered to do so, before those conditions hit your area. Know and follow the directions from local officials and follow posted evacuation routes. Visit mass.gov/knowyourzone to learn if you live or work in a hurricane-evacuation zone.

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Store items in airtight plastic bags and keep the entire kit in one or two easy-to-carry containers.

You can improve your home's ability to withstand hurricane conditions by cutting weak branches and trees, storing bikes, furniture, grills, propane tanks, etc., under shelter. Keep drains, gutters and downspouts clear of debris. Cover up windows and doors with storm shutters or plywood.

Stay informed with multiple methods for receiving alerts. Enroll in Town E-Alerts and CodeRED and learn about the Emergency Alert System, Wireless Emergency Alerts and NOAA Weather Radio.

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FinCom Bids Adieu to Baldwin, Winters

Marion Finance Committee

By Mick Colageo

Marion Finance Director Judy Mooney met with the Marion Finance Committee on July 12 to gain approval in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, Section 6 for five transfers totaling approximately \$65,000.

Working off a July 15 deadline, Mooney requested the special meeting attended by Chairman Shay Assad, Fred Mock and Jay Pateakos.

The first request was for \$8,965.33 from the Reserve Fund to the town treasurer for the purpose of contract services (ambulance billing.) Mooney suspects with a \$15,000 budget for FY24, the committee may be looking at


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another such request next year.

The second request was for \$2,000 to partially offset the negative \$3,575 balance in the Animal Control account due to reimbursement for the officer's use of her personal vehicle as necessitated by the job.

The third request was for \$9,345.36 for Marine Resources to offset the negative \$8,345.36 balance created by the vacation buyout associated with the Harbormaster's contract. Interim Harbormaster Adam Murphy requested the \$1,000 cushion to absorb any outstanding invoices that might be forthcoming. Any unused funds will flow out to free cash, according to Mooney.

The fourth request was for \$3,228.74 for veterans' benefits. Mooney said the town receives 75% reimbursement during the next fiscal year. "This just means we have more veterans seeking out benefits, which is a good thing because we're helping them out with both their medical insurance and their monthly expenses," she explained.

The fifth request was for \$42,134 for the Sewer Department due to the sewer-main break on Point Road. Relaying an explanation from DPW Director Becky Tilden, Mooney said there was no history of failures with the force main until this past spring. Mooney said there were two occurrences.

"The bills are well over \$100,000 on these," said Mooney, noting that much of the expense was covered by existing money in the Sewer account. The present balance is listed at \$28,633.

Assad announced that members Peter Winters and Margie Baldwin have resigned from the committee, Winters to focus on his new duties on the Board of Assessors.

"Both of them have been fantastic members of the Finance Committee. Maybe in the fall we're going to do something to recognize both of them because they have really contributed, not just to the Finance Committee but to the town in general," said Assad.

Mooney and committee members in attendance heartily agreed.

The Finance Committee did not schedule its next

meeting upon adjournment.

Box Turtle Requires Access

Rochester Conservation Commission

By Michael J. DeCicco

The year-and-a-half-old 89 Box Turtle Drive dispute over owner Doug Rose clearing land there too close to wetlands without a permit is slightly closer to resolution but not close enough for Rochester's Conservation Commission.

Conservation Agent Merilee Kelly reported to the commission during Tuesday night's public meeting that her office has received a memo from Rose's technical consultant with a restoration plan and full-color drawings of that plan.

Board members focused on what is missing. In its previous meeting, the board asked that the owner's No Trespassing order be lifted to allow a site visit. Kelly reported Tuesday that she has received no word on the subject.

"I haven't heard anything on that at all," she said.

Commissioner Ben Bailey said that without that being lifted, board members or the agent could be arrested if they set foot on the property. "The property owner has to be the one to rescind the order in writing. We can't be hamstrung on this."

Bailey instructed Kelly to notify Rose and his attorney that the order must be lifted. The commission agreed that Rose's deadline to do so will be by its next meeting on August 15.

"If we can't get that (order) lifted by the August 15 meeting, I'm going to encourage reinstituting the fines," Bailey said in conclusion.

Over a year ago, the board voted to begin delivering "noncriminal enforcement tickets," fining the property owner on a climbing scale of \$50, then \$100, then \$300 per day. Kelly said in a previous meeting that Rose has been served with fines of \$300 per day since April 19. None of these fines have been paid, she said. Meanwhile, serving Rose via a constable is costing the town \$75 a day, she said, though this fee is to be taken from the fines Rose should be paying.

In other action, the board approved a project at 301 Hartley Road as not requiring adherence to wetlands regulations. It was responding to a Request for a Determination of Applicability (to wetlands regulations) for a plan to install a new septic system 75 feet outside of a buffer zone at that address. The existing leaching field within the buffer zone will be pumped out and backfilled, said consultant Rick Charon of Charon Associates. The work is for a three-unit, five-bedroom home that is being sold and will therefore require a new septic system.

The commission also approved a three-year extension of an Order of Conditions for Connet Woods, Forbes Road and Douglas Corner Road, to complete three remaining lots at Box Turtle Drive and final roadway



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construction on Box Turtle, Horse Neck, Cole Circle, Martin Circle and Comstock Drive.

Connet Woods consultant Mark Meltzer explained that the project was slowed when 10 additional lots became just three additional lots because of drainage problems in the area as well as by a slow real-estate market. One of the three lots is now under agreement to be sold. The other two lots and the roadway are what need construction work.

Commission Chairman Christopher Gerrior asked why three years and not just one or two? Meltzer said such a request is standard procedure for such a large project.

Lastly, the commission met a new resident interested in joining the commission who has an impressive background. Drew McManus, who very recently moved to Rochester with his wife, is the conservation agent in Mashpee. He requested he be considered for an associate-member position.

Impressed by his background, Gerrior led a motion to send a letter to the Select Board recommending McManus's appointment to the commission as an associate member.

McManus explained his wife is a veterinarian with the Tufts University, Grafton campus and has many horse patients in Middleboro, Lakeville and Rochester.

The commission set its next meeting for Tuesday, August 15, at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Marine Center Will Reopen View

Marion Planning Board

By Mick Colageo

The new Marine Center at Island Wharf will be subject to minor site-plan review, the Marion Planning Board unanimously voted on Monday night at the Police Station.

Tim Sawyer of Catalyst Architects presented with assistance from Interim Harbormaster Adam Murphy during a presubmission conference to highlight design aspects of the new Harbormaster Department office that will replace the longstanding headquarters building on the site.



As a stakeholder in Burr Brothers Boats, Planning Board Chairman Tucker Burr recused himself and Vice Chairman Andrew Daniel presided over the discussion.

Murphy told the board that the project is in the process of going out to bid, and Sawyer said it is hoped that by mid-August the town will have a final construction cost.

The goal is to bring that number to a Special Fall Town Meeting vote in October. Construction costs have continued to increase since Marion was awarded \$1,600,000 over three separate grants by the state's Seaport Economic Council.

The original design not only was trimmed of upper-floor bathrooms, the new building's location has been moved to the northern portion of the parking lot. This, said Sawyer, will open up the waterfront view at Island Wharf beyond what is visible now.

"The roof structure would all go away," said Sawyer, noting that only the existing, street-level restrooms will be left and renovated.

Located entirely in a 19- or 17-foot velocity flood zone, the new structure will rise 16 or 17 feet from elevation grade to finish floor with a 23.5-foot elevation grade.

Citing ever-changing estimations of sea-level rise due to climate change, board member Eileen Marum asked Sawyer if this is being taken into consideration. Sawyer said the SEC's decision to award the project

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grant funding hinged on the state agency's approval of Marion's design in that regard.

The open underbelly of the structure will allow air and water to pass through. Except under the threat of a storm, that area will provide 1,700 square feet of storage.

While the building will have access satisfying public regulations, including ADA compliance and the state Architects Board, a back-side stairwell will function as a second means of egress mainly for the Harbormaster and staff to quickly get down to its boats. A lift will also be installed from slightly above grade, but Sawyer indicated it will be sparingly used.

One of the byproducts of moving the new building to the northern corner of the parking lot is the separation of Harbormaster from Recreation Department activities. It's a mishmash at present.

Murphy also said that the area meant to serve as a Town Beach will reopen as such.

"We've outgrown the space, it's standing on its last leg as it's sitting there," said Murphy, who has been with the town for 14 years. He discussed the lack of restrooms dedicated to town employees and the lack of adequate office space. There is no private meeting or lunch area, and any meeting is compromised by surrounding noise. "There's multiple needs for (the new building.) It worked in the past, but we've outgrown it completely."

The present parking arrangement of 125 spaces that are not spaced and including one handicap space will also



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be improved with the addition of one handicap space.

Infrastructural needs were also discussed, as board member Jon Henry pointed out that the state prohibits the discharge of untreated runoff into state waters.

Murphy said that the growth of vegetation broke existing drains and that the Harbormaster got permission from the Department of Public Works to clean it out. "We're doing the best we can to minimize the overgrowth, but still have the vegetation to remove the nitrogen," he said.

Sawyer said that bioswales are typically preferred over subsurface drainage systems.

Board member Alanna Nelson steered the dialogue back toward deliberation as to whether the project warrants major, minor or no site-plan review.

Before the board settled on minor site-plan review, Sawyer told Nelson that the new site will accommodate the electrical needs of car-charging stations and will be designed "solar ready."

When the floor was opened to the public, resident Barry Gaffey asked if anyone knew if the new Police Station (in which the meeting was being held) required site-plan review. Member Dale Jones was on the Building Committee for that project, noting that after initial rejection by voters, it came in under budget and on time. He said, at that time there was no distinction between major and minor site-plan review.

Sawyer also noted that while consideration was

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The board spent substantial time discussing short-term leasing of residential property and the potential conversion of commercial property, as it is believed more people are buying homes in Marion as investments rather than to live in them. Residents in thickly settled, coastal neighborhoods are becoming concerned that they will soon be surrounded by short-term rentals rather than long-standing neighbors.

The Planning Board recently learned from Town Administrator Geoff Gorman that the Bylaw Codification Committee, heretofore a subcommittee of the Planning Board, should have always been reporting directly to the Select Board and not have been subservient to the Planning Board. After some thought, the Planning Board agreed not to reinvent its own subcommittee to tackle codification matters.

Nelson suggested the Planning Board just commits to spending some time on the subject. Burr agreed and invited members to bring to his attention anything related to zoning or codification so he can get it on a meeting agenda.

Gaffey requested that the board, "when you're going to pass a bylaw or come up with a bylaw, just ask, 'who's this bylaw going to hurt?' That's all I ask."

Jones wanted it in the last meeting's minutes that he had suggested business cards for board members



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and that the subject concluded with the intention to look into a price quote. There remained disagreement within the board as to their purpose. Jones asked that another attempt be made to improve on the price quote (\$22 for 100 cards.)

The next meeting of the Marion Planning Board is scheduled for Monday, August 7, at 7:00 pm at the Police Station.

Maple Trees Deemed Dangerous

Mattapoissett Planning Board

By Marilou Newell

The sad truth about Mattapoissett's tree canopy in the village area is its age. Many, if not all, of the trees that provide shade along the village streets have suffered from storm damage, disease and, yes, even old age. On July 17, the Mattapoissett Planning Board held four public hearings to debate the future of four trees located on Church and Depot streets.

Making that decision isn't easy. Tree Warden Roland Cote has the task of identifying trees that pose a public threat and then petitioning the Planning Board to hold a public hearing and make a final determination whether or not the tree requires removal.

Present to support Cote's assertion that trees located at 4 Depot Street, the corner of Church and North streets, 32 Church Street and 34 North Street needed removal was Andrew Joseph of Joseph Tree Service and Sandy Hering, chairman of the Mattapoissett Tree Committee.

Regarding a 20-inch-in-diameter maple tree located at 4 Depot Street, Hering suggested before removing it that the homeowner be asked if they would pay for a certified arborist to assess the tree's condition despite the tree's location in the town's easement. Jim Wheeler, the homeowner in question, said he was not responsible for the tree.

Cote said Norway maple trees only have a lifespan of roughly 30 years before removal is necessary. He, along with Joseph, spoke to the condition of all the maple trees being put on the chopping block this night. After careful review of photographic evidence and firsthand witness statements, all the trees were approved for removal.

In other business, the Planning Board granted a Form A "Approval Not Required" for property located at 117 Fairhaven Road and owned by Daniel Chase. The lot reconfiguration is needed for the erection of a hoop house shed.

An ANR request filed for property located at 5 Industrial Drive for subdivision of a lot was approved.


Before adjournment, Hering asked that additional text from the town's Tree Committee be added to the pending updated Master Plan. The Planning Board, which oversees the document, has not yet held a public meeting with the Select Board to gain its feedback. Planning Board member Tom Tucker asked Hering to submit the text for inclusion.

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Deadline Disagreement Sends Appeal to Court

Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's Zoning Board of Appeals on July 13 denied an appeal of a cease-and-desist order against an alleged trucking-business operation at 19 County Road for a one-of-a-kind reason.

The board decided at that hearing the appeal filed by Robert and Christine Murphy was beyond its jurisdiction because the couple did not file action



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against the cease-and-desist on time, within the 30 days mandated by state law from April 25, the date they received the cease notice from Building Commissioner Paul Boucher. That would've meant an appeal deadline of May 25.


Special Town Counsel Chris Heep told the board the Murphys' appeal was sent out on May 26 and received by the town on May 30. The zoning panel lacks jurisdiction on considering the appeal because the notice was not sent out in a timely manner, he said.

What the board must do instead, he explained, was to render a denial. Then the Murphys will be able to appeal the cease-and-desist to Superior Court or land court for a judge's determination on the merits of the building commissioner's order.

First, as they faced a roomful of 19 County Road abutters, zoning panel members made sure a denial was the correct decision by questioning Town Counsel, Richard Manning (the attorney for the abutters) and Jordan Rodrigues (the Murphys' counsel.)

Rodrigues argued the Murphys did not pick up the cease-and-desist notice from the post office until April 27, and he contacted the town with their intent to appeal via a call to Boucher on May 9. Rodrigues said the Murphys had until May 27 to file the notice and sent it on May 26. "This denial will be in violation of my clients' rights," he said.


Manning said there is no leeway on the deadline for



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these types of notices in state law. The cease-and-desist was dated April 25.

Receiving the notice was complicated by the fact 19 County Road is not their home address, Christine Murphy argued. Their house address is in West Wareham. The original notice was dated April 10 but had to resent after the address mix-up was realized.

Rodrigues said it took time for him to put together a thorough, cogent response. "It took a long time to put together," he said.

"This is the strangest thing I've ever run into on this board," board member Richard Cutler said before the final vote. "This is not what I expected when I came for this meeting tonight."

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The board's decision to deny turned on its realization that the Murphys will still have recourse to appeal the cease-and-desist in court. If a judge disagrees with the ZBA's time-factor denial, the case simply will return to the town board to be deliberated on the merits of the appeal itself.

"Whatever decision we make, we're protected," member Donald Spirlet said. "And I like that."

The resulting vote was unanimous.

The Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals will meet next on Thursday, July 27, at 7:15 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.



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Point Road Path Seeks Breakthrough

Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission held its July 6 public meeting in anticipation of the July 10 realization of hoped-for bids from contractors for the job of stump grinding and grubbing out of the stretch of the Point Road Path between Joanne Drive and Jenna Drive.

The theory presented by MOSAC Chairman John Rockwell is to time out that project with the town's planned resurfacing of Joanne Drive and Jenna Drive. The milling part of that project will presumably create loose asphalt that MOSAC might be able to access for use as a base or surface of the path.



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Meantime, frustration on the part of Point Road residents was expressed by Shaun Walsh in the form of a philosophical disagreement.

"I feel like we took one step forward and you're taking maybe two or three steps backward," said Walsh, who referenced May meeting minutes and, based on comments include those from MOSAC members, came away believing it would be a "100% bid, design, built project."

Walsh asserted that the town administrator was under the same impression as he.

"What I'm hearing now is the Open Space Acquisition Commission, whose primary mission ... is to acquire open space in town, it appears that MOSAC is now in the process of engineering and building paths," he said.

Walsh acknowledged Rockwell's expertise and experience as a builder but said, as a town resident, he feels "uncomfortable with a committee of this nature now trying to figure out retaining walls and the amount of material that's going to be needed. ... If the bid specs would have been developed and published as a 100% design-build project, we wouldn't be having this conversation.

"It sounds like this project is getting chopped up into smaller and smaller segments, and I'm really concerned that not only does that add to the already-lengthy amount of time that this relatively

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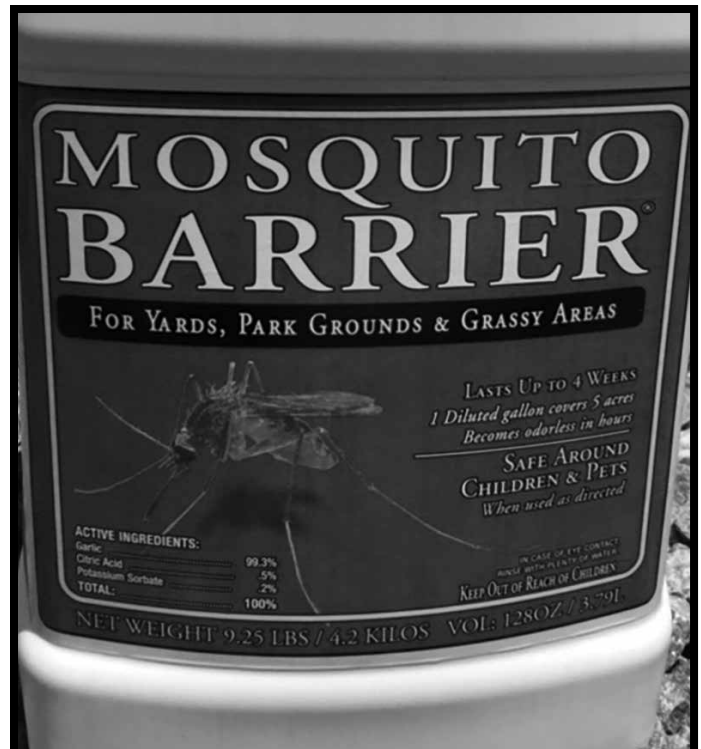
In light of 2019 Town Meeting’s appropriation of \$268,000 for the project, Walsh said his frustration is shared by others who live in the Point Road area and have no safe area to walk, run or bike. He asserted that all of the details being explored in MOSAC meetings this year should have been included in one bid that would have better motivated prospective bidders.

In reference to a question that came in via the chat function of the Zoom meeting, Rockwell acknowledged the time that has passed and predicted that the path will not open this summer.

“We want to see it completed, too, and as I explained at the last meeting, there’s a cost and a timeframe issue, both of which are important in terms of getting this out ... so you could bid it out in state contract over \$50,000,” said Rockwell, adding that engineering and permitting comprise 30% of a project cost.

Resident Kate Cooney asked if the amount approved by voters four years ago is not enough to complete the project. Rockwell said it would not be known until the project is completed. He clarified that MOSAC does not have the money to complete the project “soup to nuts” as suggested by Walsh.

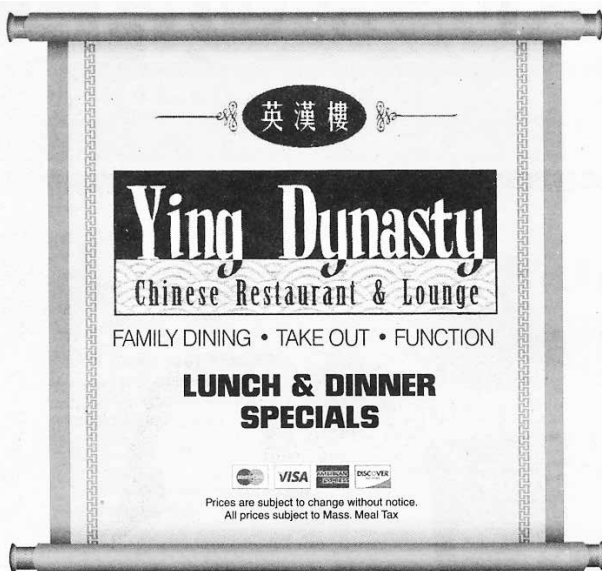
“If we do a project that costs over \$50,000 ... you have to do it under the provisions of the state Procurement Act ... which requires us to write up bid specifications - they’re very specific - and would require



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9:30 AM Arts Alive
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Auto Sense
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 AM Paltoicast with Darren Paltowitz
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Dyer Family
3:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - Mary's Pond
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Tri-Town TV
7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Shall We Dance?
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday July 21, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM A Conversation With...
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt

Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
3:30 PM This is America and The World
4:00 PM Paltoicast with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM Marion Art Center - An Hour with Eleanor
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Shall We Dance?
8:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - Mary's Pond
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday July 22, 2023

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM A Conversation With...
11:00 AM Auto Sense
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Dyer Family
2:30 PM XUC Pro Wrestling
3:00 PM Paltoicast with Darren Paltowitz
3:30 PM South Coast Matters
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt
Experience
4:30 PM Mattapoissett Bike Path Ribbon Cutting
5:30 PM Cape Conversations
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Old Colony - Welding Class Graduation
9:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Shall We Dance?
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday July 23, 2023

6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church

8:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:00 AM Sippican Memorial Rededication
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:35 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Dyer Family
2:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - Mary's Pond
3:30 PM Paltoicast with Darren Paltowitz
4:00 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM Marion Fireworks Concert
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8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Old Growth Forests of MA
9:30 PM This is America & The World
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday July 24, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM You and Your Health
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:00 AM A Conversation With...
10:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
11:50 AM Mattapoissett Road Race
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM In the Toy Box
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
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4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
5:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Old Growth Forests of MA
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Marion Fireworks Concert
7:30 PM On Stage Theater Productions - Oliver!
8:00 PM Sippican Memorial Rededication
8:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
9:00 PM Let's Talk Business
9:30 PM Building the Future
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Tuesday July 25, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM The Collective Chat
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Arts Alive
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Mattapoissett Road Race
1:35 PM Sippican Memorial Rededication
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2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
4:30 PM Mattapoissett Bike Path Ribbon Cutting
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV
6:00 PM Rochester Historical Society - Mary's Pond
7:25 PM On Stage Theater Productions - Oliver!
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday July 26, 2023

7:00 AM Seniorize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM For Your Health

9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:00 AM Mattapoissett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
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2:00 PM Auto Sense
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6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM Rochester Historical Society - Mary's Pond
9:00 PM Sippican Memorial Rededication
9:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

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7:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission
8:00 AM Marion Planning Board
8:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
9:30 AM Marion School Committee
11:30 AM Marion Finance Committee
12:00 PM Marion Open Space Committee
1:30 PM Marion Affordable Housing Trust
2:30 PM Marion Board of Health
3:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Commission
4:00 PM ORR School Committee
6:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
7:00 PM Marion Conservation Commission
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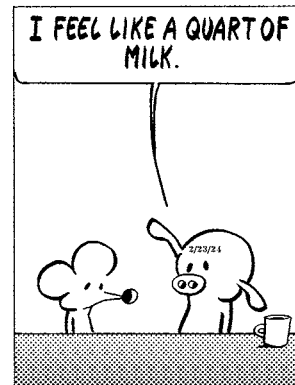
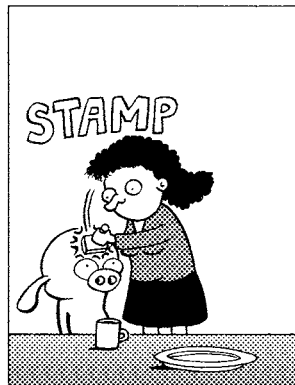
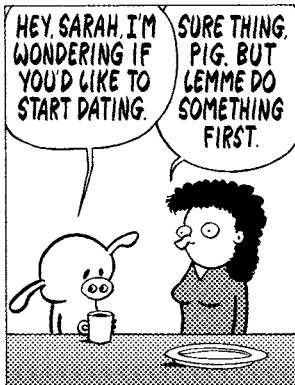
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7:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
8:00 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals
11:00 PM Rochester School Committee

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7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM RMS 4th Grade Band Concert
8:30 AM ORR School Committee
11:00 AM Old Hammondton Talent Show
11:30 AM Old Colony TV
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORR Boys Baseball vs GNBV
2:00 PM ORR Girls Lacrosse vs Plymouth North
3:30 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs DR
4:30 PM ORR Boys Football vs Dennis Yarmouth
5:30 PM ORRHS Promenade
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR School Committee
8:30 PM Old Colony Graduation
11:30 PM Gun Safety Forum at GNBV

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



us to hire an engineer to do so," said Rockwell. "That was not in our budget to have an engineer design bid specifications."

Walsh argued that \$10,000 to \$15,000, the amount he says Rockwell estimated for engineering services during a prior MOSAC meeting, "is not a significant amount of money ... why can't that occur at this point?" Walsh argued that since the stretch between Jenna and Joanne Drive can be completed without complication, MOSAC should focus on getting the stretch completed.

Beyond tree work done by Dave Jenney and Grimes Tree Service amounting to no more than a few thousand dollars, Rockwell said there has been no significant spending of the allotted funds as of the July 6 meeting. He said he spent some out-of-pocket money for stakes that he did not plan to bill the commission for. Eversource took down trees in the course of its own purposes.

Rockwell qualified, however, that \$117,000 of the \$268,000 approved for the project in 2019 was allocated to "in-kind services" such as the Notice of Intent he filed with Jeff Oakes to plot the wetlands line and a match involving contract supervision and design work.

"The problem is you need money at the end of your project to finish it, and ... many times it's too late to save the money when you're at the end," he said. "You have to try to save at the beginning too."

Rockwell said it was not MOSAC's grant to do a 100% project as suggested by Walsh, who wanted to know

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if, at this point, there would be any blockage to MOSAC putting out bid specifications for a 100% project just from Jenna to Joanne Drive.

Rockwell disagreed with Walsh's assertion that the 2019 funding could be thusly applied in keeping with the intent of the appropriation.

"We were given money for construction," said Rockwell, clarifying that engineering costs were not built into the \$268,000 awarded at Town Meeting.

Walsh openly wondered about another source of funding to hire an engineer. He also wondered if DPW engineer Meghan Davis would be able to put bid specifications together.

Rockwell said then-DPW Director David Ouellette offered help but that did not materialize. He also noted that MOSAC unsuccessfully tried on multiple occasions to obtain grant funding for the engineering piece.

Upon seeing that a retaining wall had been built at Cushing Community Center, Rockwell inquired with the DPW about the wall needed for the Point Road path but reported having been told the property has to first be surveyed with the project included, a time and money-consuming process.

"We're actually doing the path of least resistance to get this done," said Rockwell. "Last year, we were stumped for a while on this project because of the pushback we got from DPW, and so far we've got all the trees taken out for nothing."

Rockwell said bids are due July 20 to do the clearing and grubbing.

"So I think we're doing okay," he said. "In terms of project value that we're adding to the construction value by getting this done, yeah, we can hire somebody. But we don't have any money. And to try to get money ... that takes longer and is more frustrating than actually just doing the work yourself."

MOSAC member Deb Ewing asked if Town Administrator Geoff Gorman could play a diplomatic role in helping MOSAC get help from the DPW in building the retaining wall. Rockwell encouraged her to approach Gorman on the matter.

Rockwell noted that the DPW does work at

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With a life well lived, we announce the peaceful passing of **Ruth Nicolaci** on July 2, 2023, at her home with her family present.

Born in Highland Park, NJ and raised in Brooklyn, NY, she was the daughter of the late Rudolph and Alice (Hauske) Hiller, and the widow of John F. Nicolaci. She was educated at the Berkeley Institute in New York and Wheaton College in Norton, MA.

Survivors include three children, Lisa Knowles Murray and her husband Chris of Middletown, RI, Brenda K. Hughes and her partner Roger Fortier of Somerset, and George B. Knowles IV and his wife Erin of Fairhaven; two stepchildren, Ann Nicolaci Labb and her partner Gary Dancosse of Manchester, CT and John Nicolaci, Jr. of Tampa, FL, seven grandchildren, Jessica Tiffany Hughes, Ryan Slater Hughes, George B. Knowles V, Emma Ruth Knowles, Amanda Phillips Murray, Eve Nicole Cleary and Mark Nicolas Labb; and three great-grandchildren, Kennedy, Nico and Delia.

Over the years, Mrs. Nicolaci served as a director of the following organizations: the New Bedford Day Nursery for fifty years until her death, the Compass Bank (now Santander) for fifteen years, the New Bedford Chamber of Commerce, the New Bedford Whaling Museum, the Massachusetts Nurserymen's Association and the Marion Garden Group. She was the plant lady on radio WBSM's Plant Talk program for many years. She loved being with family, gardening, piloting their plane with her late husband, and playing tournament croquet with the Marion Mallet Club. She was involved in the horticultural field as part owner with her former husband of G. Bourne Knowles and Co., in Fairhaven.

In lieu of flowers, please send a floral bouquet to someone you love or gift to the Hagerstown Aviation Museum, Hagerstown, Maryland in memory of John F. Nicolaci. A private family burial will be held at Evergreen Cemetery in Marion. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Margaret M. "Maggie" (Coucci) Crowe, 88, of Mattapoisett died July 15, 2023 at Masconomet Healthcare Center, Topsfield, MA following a lengthy illness with her loving family at her side.

She was the wife of the late Michael J. Crowe, Jr., mother of the late Kathy Crowe and sister of the late Paul Coucci.

Born and raised in New Bedford, daughter of the late Guido and Mary (Borghi) Coucci, she lived in Mattapoisett for over 40 years.

Maggie's passions were her family, being a nurse, life, and her beloved dog. She was fun-loving and compassionate. She enjoyed spending time with the people she loved,

the beach and making puzzles in her sunroom overlooking the water.

She chose a career in nursing and was capped at St. Elizabeth's Hospital School of Nursing in Brighton in 1954. She worked at St. Luke's Hospital for many years, as a nurse, IV specialist and educator. Her friends and co-workers, Dottie, Jan, Caroline, Doran, and Helen, remained close even after retirement.

Mrs. Crowe was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church.

Survivors include her 2 sons, Dr. Michael J. Crowe, III and his wife Carmen of Wareham and Matthew P. Crowe of Edgewater, FL; a daughter, Mary F. Crowe and her wife Kathy A. Cumella of Ipswich, MA; a brother, John Coucci and his wife Kathleen of Mattapoisett; sister in law Gertrude Coucci of New Bedford, MA; 7 grandchildren, Jenna, Jessica, Mychel, Matthew Jr., Erin, Sean and Hannah; 10 great-grandchildren, Koby, Jordan, Saphiyre, Kaydence, Connor, Lucas, Zeyna, Idris, Mason, and Lukas; and several nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial donations can be made to the Masconomet Healthcare Center Employee Fund, 123 High Street, Topsfield, MA 01983 or Care Dimensions Hospice, 75 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA 01923 in gratitude for their exceptional and compassionate care.

Her visiting hours will be held on Friday, July 21st from 9-11 am in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., Route 6, Mattapoisett, followed by her Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Church, Mattapoisett at 11:30 am. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Susan Gilbert Ford, 78 of Marion died peacefully on July 10, 2023, after a hard-fought battle against pancreatic cancer. She was the wife of Dr. Lincoln Edmond Ford who predeceased her in 2019.

Susan was born in Cuthbert, Georgia on June 2, 1945, to Marjorie Warner Gilbert and James Frank Gilbert, Jr. Life was beautiful for a couple of years until her parents ruined everything by producing one, then two, then three little sisters, each of whom she loved dearly.

A 1963 graduate of Blakely High School, Susan graduated summa cum laude from Presbyterian College and obtained her master's and doctorate degrees in physiology at Emory University. She served on the faculties at Georgia State University and the medical schools at Morehouse College and at SUNY (State University of New York) in Stonybrook; held research positions at University of Massachusetts Medical School and at IUPUI (Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis); and conducted research supported by fellowships in London, Plymouth, and Brussels.

Susan was an avid reader of history, biography,

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Silvershell Beach and Washburn Park, which are Recreation Department areas, and Island Wharf, which is run by the Marine Resources Commission. Meantime, he says it has been a challenge to get Grassi Bog mowed.

Citing new people in the town administrator and DPW offices, Walsh encouraged MOSAC to re-engage the town for assistance.

Final bids on the current phase of the project were due July 10.

The Town of Marion plans to repave Joanne and Jenna drives, the first action being to mill the road, which will create material that MOSAC wants to use for base or topping for the new roadside path.

The next meeting of the Marion Open Space Acquisition Commission was not scheduled upon adjournment.

MRC Looking to Modernize

Marine Resources Commission

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

Modernizing its operations and communicating with town authorities on what the function of the marine department should be were topics discussed at Monday night's Marion Marine Resources Commission meeting at the Music Hall.

MRC members talked about the need for repairing a seawall, a town structure. Members expressed concern that town authorities will ask the MRC to cover entire

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natural history, and detective fiction, and a fierce bridge player. She was active in the Sippican Choral Society and the Sippican Woman's Club for several years, and enjoyed skiing, horseback riding, gardening, and cooking. She was a highly talented knitter specializing in Aran sweaters, happily creating custom garments for friends and family members lucky enough to wander into her sweater zone.

Susan's and Lincoln's first loves—after each other—were the grandchildren and sailing. They enjoyed bare boat charters in the Caribbean most winters and eventually retired to Marion and joined the Beverly Yacht Club. In the summertime Susan raced regularly in the Ladies Thursday Afternoon Series at the helm of her classic H-12 Suzie Q.

Susan was predeceased by her husband and her parents. She is survived by her sisters Beverly (Seagrove Beach, FL), Phyllis (Columbus, GA), and Anne (Henrietta, NY), brother-in-law Lorentz Ottzen (Seagrove Beach, FL), and grandchildren Ilaria and Alec Stewart and Malcolm, Oliver, and Thomas Nelson. A cousin, Royce Calhoun (Cincinnati, OH) also held a special place in her heart.

Private arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Rt. 6, Mattapoisett. For the online guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com. In lieu of flowers, anyone wishing to honor Susan's memory might consider a contribution to the ACLU, the Environmental Defense Fund, the Southern Poverty Law Center, or NARAL Pro-Choice America.

John ("Jack") Watson Braitmayer, of Marion, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family on Friday, July 14, 2023. Jack was born in Ridgewood, NJ to Otto E. Braitmayer and Marian Schoeffel Braitmayer on February 2, 1930 and grew up in Marion alongside his twin sister Anne.

He was a graduate of Tabor Academy and Wesleyan University. He was working at IBM when he met a young woman named Nancy Foshay who would soon become his wife of 66 years.

Jack had a fulfilling and impactful career as the President and owner of MONA Industries in Paterson, NJ. He and Nancy raised their three children living in Darien, CT and spending summers in Jack's beloved Marion, MA.

Jack was always active in his local community. His generosity towards his favored institutions is legendary. He took on trustee positions at both of his alma maters and was a tireless supporter of the New Bedford Whaling Museum. He always said that his first visit to the Whaling Museum at 10 years old changed his life forever. The NBWM held a very dear place in his heart.

He had a giving and inclusive nature that brought out the best in people around him. He had a wry sense of humor and a twinkle in his eye that lit up any room. He was maniacally positive. Very few lived closer to the objective to say something nice or say nothing at all.

But you can't write about Jack without talking about sailing and boating. A lifelong sailor, Jack was well known for his pride in his boats, his technical prowess on the water, his enthusiasm for encouraging non-professional sailors to safely find the joy in offshore sailing and deeply held belief that nothing in life is better than messing about in boats. He had a series of sailboats that progressively got larger, some built to his exact specifications. He raised his three children to think that a sunny day just called for a picnic lunch and a sail and that all families took vacations by cruising New England coastal waters. He and Nancy ultimately shifted to powerboating to experience more distant harbors and get there quicker, but Jack was always truly a sailor at heart.

Jack was a stalwart supporter of institutions that supported his love for the seas. He was a leading advocate for the sail training program at Tabor Academy. He was a former commodore of the Beverly Yacht Club and was also a member of the New York Yacht Club, the Cruising Club of America, and the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club in Bermuda.

Jack is survived by the love of his life, Nancy, and his three children Karen Braitmayer (David Erskine), Kristina Hewey (Bo) and Eric Braitmayer (Jack Haney); three grandchildren, Anina Hewey (Roger Hernandez-Lanuza), Mary Hewey (Jen Bagley), and Anita Erskine; two great-grandchildren, Emilia Hernandez-Hewey and Enzo Hernandez-Hewey. Jack was predeceased by his twin, Anne B. Webb, and his four older sisters Margaret Braitmayer West, Kathleen Braitmayer Shaw, Josephine Braitmayer Demarest and Jane Braitmayer Howell Smithers.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the Nancy & Jack Braitmayer Fund for Innovative Educational Excellence at the Southcoast Community Foundation (www.southcoastcf.org). A service to celebrate Jack's life will be at a future date. Arrangements are by the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett. For online condolence book, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Joan C. Wing, 93, of Marion died Thursday July 13, 2023 at Tobey Hospital in Wareham unexpectedly. She was the wife of the late Robert I. Wing and a generous matriarch of the Wing family.

Born in Marion, Massachusetts, she was the daughter of the late Bessie Sherman (Corse) and James Reid Dougall. Joan graduated from Tabor Academy and attended Bridgewater State University and UMass at Dartmouth.

Joan worked for a while raising her family as a commercial fisher woman. Once while quohogging with a bull rake, she found a Tabor class ring on one of the tines of the rake. Everyone was surprised to find it to be the lost ring of her sister Rita. Later Joan worked as an Office Manager and Bookkeeper for many local businesses including Brewer Engineering, Gault Transportation, Gunschel Building, Harriet's

costs for the project, although the structure is a town entity.

Interim Harbormaster Adam Murphy said there are discussions that it will cost \$9,000 to design and engineer a grant for the project. The deadline is approaching in February.

MRC members said the commission generates revenue but some of that revenue goes into the general town treasury. However, when it comes to funding Waterways projects, the MRC cannot access those funds, yet is expected to help finance some major projects.

Members said it might be wise to set up a meeting with Town Administrator Geoffrey Gorman, so all sources know what the expectations are for the MRC and for the town at large.

Murphy, who is in regular talks with Chief of Police Richard Nighelli, agreed. He proposed a meeting with the MRC, Gorman and Nighelli to iron out what the funding and enforcement expectations are for all sources connected to Waterways issues.

"We need to change (funding) mechanisms so we are maintaining facilities with the appropriate funds,"

Murphy said.

"Some of this is normal, smalltown stuff we are going to take care of, but when we talk about serious money, then (town authorities) say, 'We're not it,'" MRC Chairman Vin Malkoski said.

MRC member Cheryl Souza said events such as a pier "washing out" raises questions as to responsible department and funding sources.

Murphy also discussed introducing a fob system for using a public watering hose by Old Landing and something similar for public showers. Murphy said his staff shut down the watering hose by Old Landing because boaters were leaving the hose on and wasting water. He also said that hose required quarters, making for a difficult collection process. Murphy shared stories of how he and other staff have walked into a bank with a bucket of quarters. He also said some people have used public shower facilities as urinals.

On a similar note, the MRC has streamlined the process for mooring boats – a computerized system in which boaters and town authorities can view the length of the docking chain, coordinates and specifications.

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Catering, and Sperry Sails.

An active community member of Marion, she served as a dedicated E.M.T. for the town for 37 years. Joan was past Vice Chairman of the Marion Emergency Medical Services. At the time of her death, she was the long standing and current treasurer of the Town of Marion EMT Association (a public charity). Most recently, Joan was usually the driving force of finding needed equipment for the Marion Emergency Services in coordination with the Fire Department Chief. She was a long-term member of the Marion Fireworks Committee.

Joan loved sharing her vast knowledge on many subjects with others. She especially loved teaching her grandchildren and great grandchildren, all about everything, especially mathematics and geography. During the 1970's Joan studied multiple computer languages and used the huge main frame computer at Sippican Corporation to do her homework. She was a long term and current member of American Mensa, Ltd.

The Wing home has always had a variety of animals such as "hosses", goats, sheep, dogs, cats, geese, rabbits and her chickens that she loved to watch. She bred AKC English Springer Spaniels for many years. Joan and Bob's love of animals extended to their travels to Alaska and the Yellowstone National Park area.

Joan and Bob traveled to many foreign countries but repeated trips to the European Alps for skiing were particularly enjoyed with friends and family. They were former members of the Middleborough Ski Club. Joan and Bob were active participants of The Congregational Church Couples Club, frequently enjoying meals with others. Joan and multiple family members enjoyed trips to Walt Disney World in

Florida. Joan loved to listen to Classical music especially that of Strauss. Her favorite orchestra was that of Dutch leader and violinist, Andre Rieu.

She is survived by her children, Linda J. Ward of Wareham, Robert D. Wing, Deborah J. Thompson and Patricia R. Rowley, all of Marion. Her sister Cornelia R. Dougall of Marion; her grandchildren; Geoffrey Rowley, Nicole Flannery, Gregory Rowley, Corinna Grota, Jessica Thompson, Kevin Ward, Katherine Kestenbaum and Bella Casino; her great grandchildren, Natalie, Landon, Rowan, Grayson, Brian, Kelly, Alex, Madeline, Titi, and Nevaeh; her nephew Mark J. Sylvia of Florida. Also survived by her cats, Mickey and Minnie, many cousins, multiple generations of nieces and nephews and a few close friends.

Relatives, friends and acquaintances are invited to a graveside service on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at 10 am in Evergreen Cemetery, Marion which will be immediately followed by a celebration of life and reception at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front St., Marion. Visitation is omitted.

Donations in Joan's memory may be made to The Marion EMT Association, a 501 (c)(3) Public Charity in c/o Cornelia R. Dougall, PO Box 6, Marion, MA 02738.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Inner Space

By Rob Gonsalves
www.robsmovievault.com

***Asteroid City*. Starring Jason Schwartzman and Scarlett Johansson. Directed by Wes Anderson. Running time: 105 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now available on streaming home media.**

In further evidence that our buddies calling the shots at Hollywood studios are all heart, Wes Anderson's best film in years, *Asteroid City* — which almost demands to be seen on the big screen — has been trebucheted from most theaters and onto streaming after a little more than two weeks. Anderson uses his old familiar trick of boxing off painful experience, this time through layers of representation, as in his *The Grand Budapest Hotel*. Our view is that of an audience member watching a movie, and in that movie we see a play, and the making of that play, and its broadcast adaptation for television. It offers far more than can be taken in at one viewing, and leaves itself wide open for interpretation.

As a longtime Anderson fan (*Rushmore* is a lifetime top-tenner for me) I was left feeling bruised and hollow by his last effort, *The French Dispatch*. It came dangerously close to just being a parade of hip actors filing onscreen for their one line. *Asteroid City* is filled end to end with actors, too, but the melancholy that suffuses all of Anderson's films feels anchored to something real here. Anderson returns to loss and grief over and over, dressing it up immaculately in symmetrical-bordering-on-ceremonial compositions with the actors center stage, or far off to the side, delivering their speeches softly and without much emotion. The success of his efforts depends largely on his cast and whether Anderson has left them enough air to breathe and create and possibly even argue with the aesthetic they're in.

Here, he does. Everyone here gathers in the southwestern Asteroid City for the Junior Stargazers Convention, and there's something about filming in the desert that moves artists like Anderson — or Jordan Peele with *Nope* in recent years — to think about stories and their role in our lives. Wisely, Anderson gravitates to Jason Schwartzman and Scarlett Johansson, who play actors playing characters. Sometimes we catch them as actors, most often as their characters. Augie Steenbeck, the character in the play, grieves his wife;



Augie's portrayal, Jones Hall, has his own grief, and on one occasion Jones adds a level of realism to a painful scene that jolts his scene partner — Johansson as actress Mercedes Ford playing actress Midge Campbell — out of character.

How easily the spell of story can be broken, says Anderson, whose work features pain shut up in pretty boxes, sometimes punching holes out of those boxes. (I've always felt that the box-punching was at its most gratifying and loud in Anderson's first three films, the only ones he wrote with Owen Wilson.) *Asteroid City* is whimsical on the surface — it features an alien that's sometimes stop-motion and sometimes a latex suit filled by an actor whose presence is too good a joke to spoil — but the uncanny color scheme draws us in, invites us to look deeper. Eventually the movie states its case plain, in a repeated mantra that may repel some on-the-fencers in the audience: "You can't wake up if you don't fall asleep," which could mean any number of things.

It's clear by now, after almost 30 years, that Anderson can't make movies any other way. He's never going to make an emotionally sloppy Sidney Lumet urban drama. You dig the cut of his jib or you don't, and if you don't, nothing in his films is going to win you over. I'm on Team Wes, but I don't blame you if you're not. There's just too much stuff, even if I *like* it, that can elicit understandable exasperation. But there aren't so many American filmmakers with such an immediately recognizable style that we can afford to pooh-pooh one. I'd say he's earned respect even if he leaves you cold. *Asteroid City*, though, is a return to the populous but warmer climes of *Moonrise Kingdom* and *Grand Budapest Hotel*, Anderson's one-two punch from the early-to-mid-'10s. Whether you like it or not, Anderson isn't lost in Wesville yet; he still has stories to tell and emotions to work out through them (though not *in* them).



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In other MRC business, Assistant Harbormaster David Wilson reported that despite heavy rains and a local algae bloom, town beaches and waterways are clean and in good shape for swimming so far. He also reported that the town, for the second consecutive year, received a shipment of dead quahogs.

MRC members said it is likely a shipment issue as authorities are receiving a shipment of undersized quahogs.

The next meeting of the Marion Marine Resources Commission is scheduled for Monday, August 21, at 7:00 pm at the Music Hall.



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TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



Shipyard Park was run over with happy people on Saturday afternoon during the Mattapoisett Lions Club Harbor Days Festival. Photos by Mick Colageo



Mattapoisett Town Band assembled on July 12 to reimagine a photo taken years ago. The photo will be part of the "Then and Now" summer exhibit at the Mattapoisett Museum. Photo courtesy of Diane Newell



Mattapoisett Band Director Jayson Newell shows the children how to conduct a band. Little ones were each loaned a baton to give the band the downbeat during the July 12 concert. Photo by Marilou Newell

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

Academic Achievements

The following students were named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the Spring 2023 semester:

-**Samuel Gordon** of Marion. Gordon, a May graduate, majored in economics at Hamilton.

-**Abigail LaCasse** of Mattapoisett. LaCasse, a May graduate, majored in psychology at Hamilton.

-**Katherine Solowey** of Mattapoisett. Solowey, a rising junior majoring in economics, is a graduate of Lincoln-Sudbury High School.

John Farrell of Mattapoisett graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology.

Caitlyn Kutash of Mattapoisett graduated from the University of Vermont with a bachelor's in Political Science and Sociology.

Sienna E. Wurl of Mattapoisett graduated Summa Cum Laude from Western New England University with a Doctor of Pharmacy.

Zachary Proffit, from Rochester, was named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2023 semester at Coastal Carolina University.

The University of Maine recognized **Griffin Lawrence** of Mattapoisett for achieving Dean's List honors in the Spring 2023 Semester.

Bryant University is pleased to recognize **Alexandra Fluegel** of Mattapoisett commitment to academic excellence by naming them to the Spring 2023 President's



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Marion held its Employee Appreciation Day on June 28 at the Cushing Community Center Pavilion. Photos courtesy of Town of Marion



From left, Troop 31 Eagle scouts Trent Crook, Tyler Souza and Robbie Nordahl will be recognized on Sunday at the Rochester Grange. Photo by Mick Colageo



Tommy, a Mattapoisett cat, is never too far from The Wanderer. Photo by Carol Rhoads



Kimberly Ray shared this photo taken during the Mattapoisett Lions Club pancake breakfast.

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List.

Bryant University is pleased to recognize **Margaret Adams** of Mattapoisett, **Alexandra Fluegel** of Mattapoisett, **Brooke Hammond** of Rochester, **Sydney Mendonca** of Mattapoisett, and **Raegan Rapoza** of Marion who have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to academic excellence and achievement and have been named to the Spring 2023 Dean's List.

Mattapoisett Library Programs

The summer festivities continue at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. Craft Tuesday continues with its summer hours, all day. Stop by every Tuesday for a simple craft and some fun. The upcoming crafts include Pinwheel Collage, Balancing Birds and Butterflies and Emoji Magnets. No registration required and recommended for ages 10 and up.

On Saturday, **July 22** at 2 pm, join us for Screen Printing. Join us as we teach you a simple method of screen printing. You bring in your fabric of choice and we will provide everything else. We encourage you to bring your own stencils, if you have a particular design in mind. This program is designed for a teen and adult audience. Registration is required.

On Tuesday, **July 26** at 6 pm, all are welcome to join us as Luna Bread teaches us the secrets behind sourdough bread. Learn the process step by step of making delicious sourdough bread from our local sourdough connoisseurs. We'll be going over the tools needed, some sourdough vocabulary, maintaining a starter, turning starter into levain, bakers percentages, making dough with sourdough levain, fermentation and baking. There will also be time for questions. No registration is required.

On Saturday, **July 29** at 11 am, bring the whole family for the last game of Family Jeopardy of the summer. Test your knowledge of a variety of trivia categories. There are prizes for all who participate, and the winning team will receive the surprise grand prize.

On Tuesday, **August 1 & 15** at 1 pm, all players of chess are welcome to participate in our Chess Club. Come to play chess. Use our boards or bring your own. Light refreshments will be served. All experience levels welcome- beginner to advance. No registration required.

Lastly, if you haven't registered yet for summer reading, it's not too late. We have a program for everyone. Visit our website to learn more.

All programs are free and open to the public. Visit our website for a complete list of all our programming for the month. If you have any questions or need special accommodations, please contact the library at 508-758-4171 or email mflp@sailsinc.org.

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4 Seizes suddenly
9 Niche religion
13 Cousins of rumbas
19 Noah's craft
20 Zellweger of "Bee Movie"
21 Assistant of Frankenstein
22 Mount where the 19-Across landed
23 1987 comedy starring Nicolas Cage and Holly Hunter
26 Set fire to
27 Streisand musical film
28 Diner relative
29 Portion (out)
31 Part of "GWTW"
32 Mosque God
35 Black-and-yellow stinging insect
39 1993-2004 Chrysler sedan
43 Thing to fly in the wind
44 Pertaining to
45 Seat in a bar
46 Seat in a church
48 Things

- 52 Give new weapons to
54 Fluctuate wildly
56 Cole — (shoe brand)
59 Curious pet
60 Gift label
61 Pro- — (some tournaments)
64 Sport fish also known as "little tuna"
68 "Them's the breaks!"
71 Title word before "Inferno" or "Peak"
72 Came to rest
73 Atlanta daily since 2001
77 "Game of Thrones" actress
78 Charlotte — (Virgin Islands capital)
79 Turning out
80 Windy City airport
84 Adobe Acrobat file
85 "— believer!"
88 Almond-hued
89 Actress Olin
90 Plaintiff
92 Turns toward
94 Darling child

- 96 Perceive
99 Imitated a sheep
102 — -pedi
103 "It's My Turn" singer Diana
106 Small, floating cephalopod
109 Device used in cardiology
113 Actress Eve
114 Everything
115 Venus de —
116 9-to-5er's shout
118 Of a junction point
122 Gazed angrily
124 Principle of capitalism
129 Showing on TV
130 Work to make
131 Second-largest city of India
132 — out a win (just prevail)
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134 Californic, par exemple
135 Stellar hunter
136 Abbr. that can precede nine key words in this puzzle

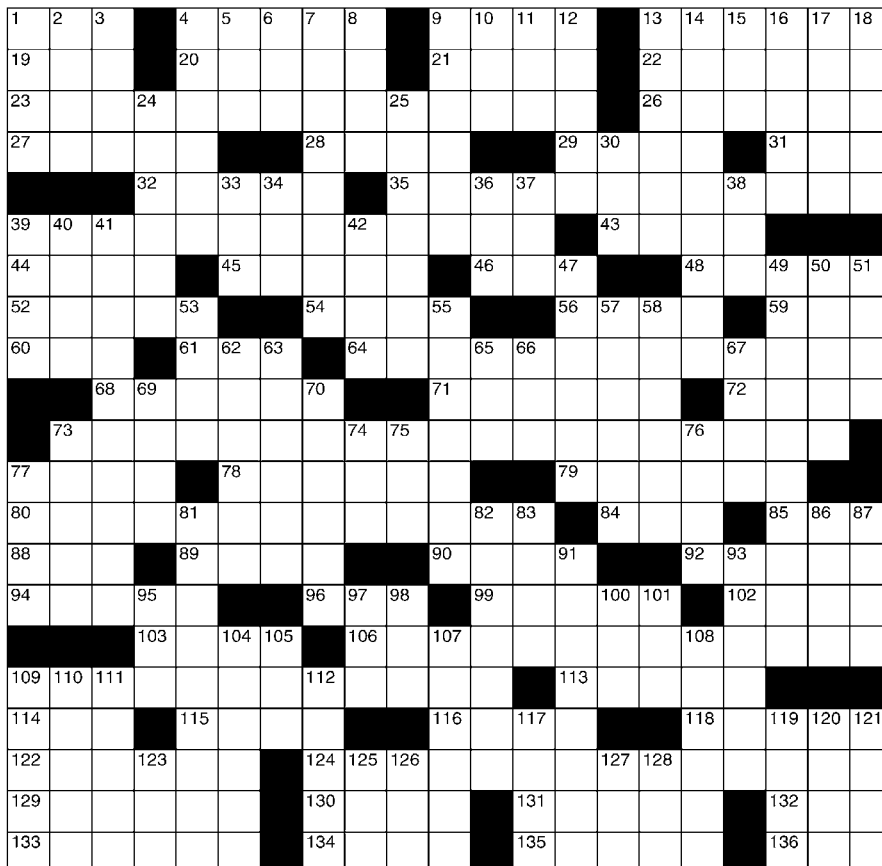
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- 1 Fluctuate

- 2 "Dies —" (Mass hymn)
3 Similar
4 Car radiator covering
5 Toon pal of Stimpy
6 "The Ice Storm" director Lee
7 Plastic pail or shovel, say
8 Toxin fighters
9 Form a rough judgment of
10 Vanity
11 With 15-Down, flimflamming guy
12 "Lady and the —"
13 Rum cocktail
14 Evita's land
15 See 11-Down
16 Big name in faucet filters
17 Solemn vows
18 Expensive
24 Veteran
25 Casual statement of sympathy
30 Comic shriek
33 Fleur-de- — (iris)
34 Kitchen pest
36 Fabric flaw
37 Bardic verse
38 Rainy
39 Juicy gossip

- 40 Draft-eligible
41 Coercing
42 Edifice
43 Let's suppose ...
49 Like the study of habitats
50 County in the Bay Area
51 "Undo" mark
53 Bryn —, Pennsylvania
55 Info that's not up to date
57 Pub spigot
58 Preposterous
62 Domestic household
63 Hit hard, as the brakes
65 Airline to Copenhagen
66 Apnea-treating doc
67 Abel's brother
69 Blacklisting org. of the 1940s-'50s
70 Petting zoo animals
73 2008-12 Mets pitcher
74 Roman 151
75 Suffix with planet
76 Petty quarrel
77 Eight: Prefix
81 Doled-out share

- 82 French inn
83 2021 is one
86 Diner list
87 Sale rack caveat
91 Pursued speedily
93 Key related to C major
95 Bungle
97 Lead-in to center or dermis
98 Do lunch
100 Gift for music
101 Clunker
104 Wee bit
105 Note above fa
107 Very strong
108 One of a bowler's targets
109 "Horrible" cartoon Viking
110 Actress Kemper
111 Fire alert
112 Credit card lure
117 — -Chinese
119 God, to Gigi
120 Inquires
121 Some blue jeans
123 Brazilian city, in brief
125 Hamelin pest
126 Slice of time
127 Yale attendee
128 Pi-sigma link



SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You enter a more positive period, both personally and professionally, but trouble spots can appear. Avoid them by keeping lines of communication open.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Don't fret about the competition. Since Taurus rules the throat, you could have the advantage of conveying your ideas in tones that are sure to please your listeners.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Of course, as a Gemini, you love to talk. But watch your words very carefully this week. What you say could come back to cause you some unpleasant moments.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The Grabby-Crabby side of you dominates. You want it all. But try to temper that urge to splurge so that you can take advantage of an upcoming investment opportunity.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Spread that natural sunshine all you loving Leos and Leonas radiate, and brighten up those gloomy hearts around you. Also, expect a visit from someone from your past.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You like things neat and tidy. That's fine for your closets and desktops, but you need to be more flexible in your relationships. Give a little, and you'll get a lot back.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your financial aspects continue to dominate. There still might be problems to work out from past business decisions before you can make plans for the future.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Travel plans might be up in the air -- literally -- now that your spouse or partner would rather fly than drive. A thorny workplace issue is close to being resolved.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Use your natural leadership qualities to guide a troublesome workplace project through to completion. Meanwhile, a personal relationship is smooth sailing.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Aspects for moving to a new location appear to be increasingly favorable. Meanwhile, your loyalty to a friend soon pays off in ways you never expected.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Your ability to be flexible helps get you through changes you hadn't expected, either on the job or at home. Remember to take things one step at a time.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your creative talents are put to the test, as you attempt to deal with a suddenly changed situation. It will be up to you to devise a way to work it out successfully.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for bringing people together. While you love to travel, you also love being at home, especially if you can be surrounded by your family. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

features a trumpet soloist and a variety of pop styles from the 1900's to the present, is as follows:

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 Stevie Wonder in Concert - arr. P. Murtha
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 Thundercrest March - E. Osterling

Mary St. Laurent-Sheehan, trumpet, has performed with the Narragansett Bay Symphony, the Tri-County Symphonic Band, the Marion Concert Band and the Band of America's Few. She is an alumnus of the Greater Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra (1992) and is a veteran of the United States Marine Corps where she performed with the Parris Island Marine Band. She has been a member of the Marion Concert Band since 2012.

The concert will be held at the Robert Broomhead Bandstand, Island Wharf off Front Street in Marion. The program, under the direction of Tobias Monte, will begin at 7:00. All concerts are free and open to the public. "Like" us on Facebook at "Marion Town Band" for up-to-date announcements and rain cancellation notices.

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

The Rev. Marc Eames, Priest-in-Charge St. John's Church, Vernon, CT will conduct services Sunday, **July 23** at 8 and 10 am at St. Philip's Episcopal Church, 34 Water Street, Mattapoisett, next to the Town Beach. During its 139th summer season, St. Philip's invites clergy from near and far to conduct services each week using the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. All are welcome.

Mattapoisett Library Programs for Children

Summer reading is in full swing at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. You can still visit the children's room anytime to sign up and receive a badge book, book BINGO sheet and a necklace.

On Tuesday, **July 25** at 3:30 pm children ages 8+ can build a spectroscope using everyday objects to see the colors that make up white light. Visit our website to register.

Wednesday, **July 26** at 3 or 4 pm will be hosting Joys of Nature with the Helping Endangered Animals program. Learn about endangered species and what we can do to help them. Don't miss meeting some of their animal relatives up close and personal. There are two time slots, register for only one. Registration required, ages 5+.

On Thursdays at 10:30 am, now through **August 10**, visit the library for story time. All ages welcome.

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First Congregational Church Of Marion

The First Congregational Church of Marion is very pleased to welcome Rev. Eric Osterday as our new settled minister. Rev. Osterday grew up in a small town in Northern Indiana. This farming community of approximately one thousand people was where

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families were proud of their community and church was a regular part of their culture. Rev. Osterday attended Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana. This is where he met his wife, Elizabeth. He graduated in 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in K-12 Education. While teaching in a private school, the realization came that he wanted to pursue a more diverse profession in a bigger sphere.



Rev. Osterday moved on to a job in community development through a regional Community Action Agency. As the Director of Housing Services his team utilized Federal, State, and local funding to renovate single-family housing units for income qualified individuals and families, remediating health concerns and improving energy efficiency of each home.

During this time, Rev. Osterday completed his pastoral ordination through a protestant denomination. His passion for whole life health continued to develop, and in 2015 he entered full-time vocational ministry as the Senior Pastor of Crossroads Community Church of Vernon, CT.

Through the deep impact of the pandemic, in 2021 Rev. Osterday accepted a part-time role in social work in which he was able to provide empathy, compassion and advocacy for individuals and families through a non-profit Behavioral and Mental Health organization, which housed a robust food pantry and transportation services for those in need. During this time, he also served as an instructor for a court-appointed Family Violence Education Program. In 2022, he graduated summa cum laude from Alliance University Theological Seminary with a Master of Arts in Biblical Studies. He served in these roles until coming to Marion to serve as Settled

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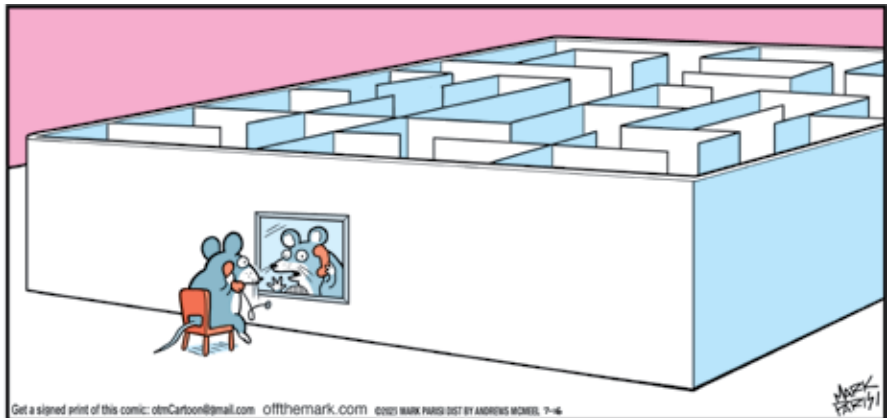
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Rev. Eric Osterday, his wife Elizabeth and their three children are excited to be in Marion. They are ready for a new chapter in their lives and love the charm, beauty and warmth of our seaside town. The main thrust of Rev. Osterday's ministry is healing. "God has invited me into a ministry which focuses on whole-life health. When we each take the time to hold the different aspects of our lives out in front of us, examine them and consider God's perspective, we then begin to see how God has been with us the entire time, including the painful times. From this point we are able to better define health and pursue a lifestyle of healing together."

Rev. Osterday truly enjoys connecting with people of all ages, lifestyles, interests and values. He also connects with local leaders in government, law enforcement, social workers and business leaders. He has served on school councils and nonprofit boards while coaching little league teams and organizing clubs for adults and children. "It really is a beautiful thing when these components of a community all come together for the good of that community."

The members and friends of The First Congregational Church of Marion are excited to have Rev. Eric Osterday as our new Pastor. We look forward to his guidance and leadership.

Feel free to email Rev. Osterday at: pastor@marionfirstchurch.org or call the church office at 508-748-

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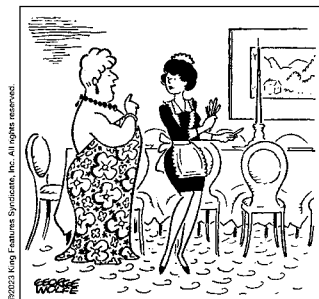
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Rochester Historical Society Yard Sale

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From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

Driving around the area this spring and summer, I couldn't help thinking about roads and their maintenance. In this same time period, I came across some old papers regarding the creation of Rochester's early roads. To decipher them, one needs a course in ancient map reading as the descriptions of the road layouts go from one man's land to the next. For example; "thence south 18 degrees W 103 rods across said Harlow's land to the road leading from George Douglass's house to Nathaniel Clapp's land." This was an excerpt from an 1820's report put out after a vote by the selectmen to the "subscribers" of the road.

Some of these papers also direct the surveyor to

notify those whose roads are approved of the assessments for which they will be responsible.

The assessments were to be paid in 2 parts, half in June and half in September. The papers also show that in that 1820's time period, permission to alter a town way had to be granted by the Justices of the court of General Sessions of Peace for the County of Plymouth. The court would consider alterations after the submitting of a petition from the "subscribers and inhabitants" of Rochester.



However, not all sections of Rochester's road required these steps. At least 2 areas of road were the gift of generous Rochester residents. As has previously been mentioned, Charles Leonard of East Over provided matching funds to the town for the improvement of Mary's Pond Rd. from the river to Rochester Center.

Another resident who used his personal wealth to improve his town is Zebulon Thompson, pictured here. Zebulon, born in 1831, was the son of Isaac Thompson, a successful stonecutter. Isaac built a family home on the site where the Seth Haskell house had stood at 487 New Bedford Rd. When Isaac died, Zebulon, as the eldest son, took over the stone cutting business at which he was equally successful. He also inherited his father's house and after it burned in 1850, he rebuilt it and it is still there today.

Zebulon took responsibility for his family. He cared for his mother until her death and helped his brothers and most notably his sisters with their education. Later, he opened his home to his widowed sister, Jane Thompson and her daughters, Mary Hall Leonard and Caroline

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Hardworking and frugal, he amassed a fortune of \$50,000.00 over his lifetime. He was generous and gave much money to the poor and area institutions and finally, we are back to roads. In the late 1800's, the area roads provided easy driving in many spots but the roadway from Marion Depot to Rochester was not one of them. Rochester was able to improve this road with money left to the town by Zebulon Thompson. Thompson died in 1895 and was recognized by Marion, Fairhaven and Rochester for his generosity. The advice that he gave to his nieces throughout his life was "Be kind to the poor. Help the needy." Words that still ring true today.

Don't Let a Tick Make You Sick

The Rochester Board of Health would like to remind the public that the number of tick-borne illnesses increases substantially during the summer months. There are many tick-borne illnesses in our area. The most common are; Lyme disease, Babesiosis and Human Granulocytic Anaplasmosis (formerly known as Erlichiosis.) Ticks are often infected with more than one of these organisms and pass on the coinfection when they bite their host.

Symptoms of tick-borne illnesses may include some or all of the following symptoms; fever, fatigue, muscle and joint aches, headache, stomach upset and chills. Some people who contract Lyme disease develop a rash. A rash is not always present. Tick-borne illnesses



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Carol Cedrone Brennan	July 21
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Jamie Lindsay MacKenzie	July 21
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Luke Pierre	July 21
Ruth Schuler	July 21
Samantha Ball	July 21
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Dakota Makenzie Cushman	July 22
Jillian Tyndall	July 22
Madeline Wright	July 22
Marion Cannon	July 22
Marissa Lake	July 22
Stephen Sprague	July 22
Susan Ribeiro	July 22
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Brittany Bradley	July 23
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Hudson E. Hardy, Jr.	July 23
Jillian Osborne	July 23
Jonathan Hamilton	July 23
Kami Medeiros	July 23
David Hathaway	July 24
Michael Barry	July 24
Tommy Morss	July 24
Andrew Rouille	July 25
Billy Dooley	July 25
Denise Quatralle	July 25
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John Ferreira	July 25
Mariann Tessier	July 25
Matt Swift	July 25
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are treated with prescription antibiotics. If you experience some or all of these symptoms, especially a fever in summer months, contact your healthcare provider. Typical treatment is to prescribe antibiotics based on symptoms as soon as possible. Waiting for lab test results may delay needed medication.

Ticks live in grassy, leafy areas. They like long grass and dead leaves best. When they are getting ready to lay eggs, they need protein. They get this needed protein from the blood of their hosts. Ticks do something called questing. Questing is when ticks climb up to the tops of grasses and fallen leaves and extend their front legs. They wait until an animal or host brushes past and they grab onto the host with their legs. Ticks will crawl around the host's body until they find the right place to latch on and bite their host with their mouthparts. Ticks do not fall from trees.

There are many kinds of ticks. The common dog tick is not believed to carry these diseases. The kinds of ticks that carry disease resemble a poppy seed in size.

The best way to prevent tick bites is to avoid areas with tall grass and a lot of fallen, dead leaves in warmer months. It is also helpful to perform tick checks after spending time outdoors. Insect repellents, like permethrin, can deter ticks.

If you find a tick that has bitten you, your family, friends or pets, grasp the tick firmly and pull it straight out. Wash your hands thoroughly after you destroy the tick.

For more information, go to www.mass.gov.

New Bedford Symphony 2023-2024 Season

The New Bedford Symphony Orchestra and Music Director Yaniv Dinur are pleased to announce the 2023-2024 concert series, taking place at New Bedford High School's Bronsiegel Auditorium. Subscription tickets for the season are now available, and individual concert tickets will go on sale in August.

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NBSO 2023-2024 Season:

October 14, Three Worlds: Sydney Lee, cello

November 18, Beautiful Moments: Janice Weber, piano

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January 20, Movie Pops: Let's Get Animated.

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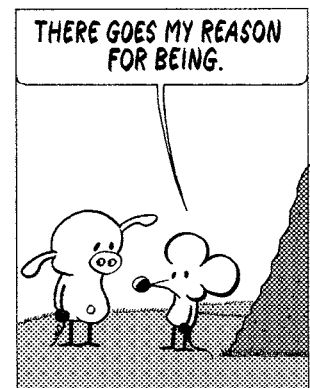
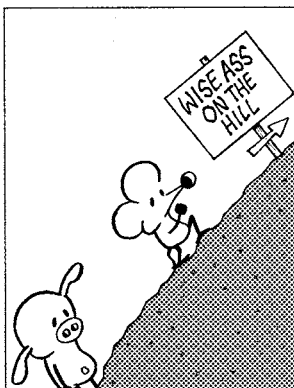
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Tours begin and end at the Mattapoisett Museum at 5 Church Street. They follow Main Street to Shipyard Park and return via one of the historic side streets back to the Museum. The tour will last 45 minutes to an hour.

The schedule of these walking tours is:

Saturday, **August 5** at 10:30 am with Curator Connor Gaudet

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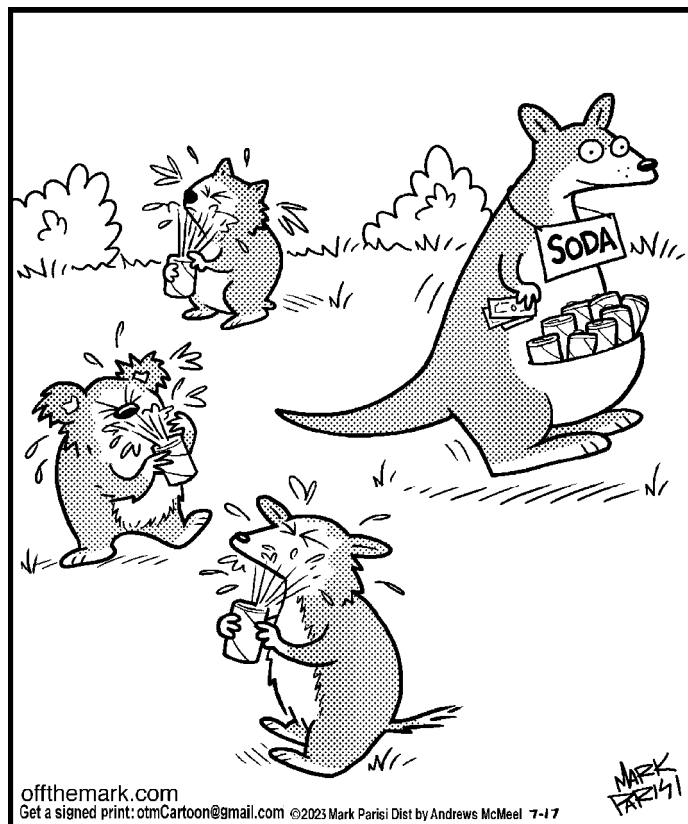
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Mattapoisett Community Tennis Association

The Mattapoisett Community Tennis Association, MCTA, which serves the towns of Mattapoisett, Fairhaven, Marion, Rochester and Wareham is seeking adult men and women as new members to play in their summer tennis drop-in league. We currently have about 20 active participants and about 40 members in total. The drop-in begins at 8 am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays during the summer at a central location on Route 6. New players should play at a level of 3.5 or higher. We welcome anyone who would both enjoy playing tennis with no promise of playing at Wimbledon and also having a good time with many sociable people as well. For further information, please call Mike at 781-888-1110 or Ellen at 978-844-1117.

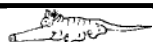
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Thursday	July 20	10:35	10:46	4:13	4:01
Friday	July 21	11:14	11:21	4:43	4:42
Saturday	July 22	11:53	11:58	5:13	5:22
Sunday	July 23		12:33	5:43	6:05
Monday	July 24	12:38	1:14	6:17	6:54
Tuesday	July 25	1:22	1:57	6:56	7:54
Wednesday	July 26	2:10	2:44	7:46	9:07
Thursday	July 27	3:04	3:39	8:45	10:19
Friday	July 28	4:06	4:43	9:48	11:22
Saturday	July 29	5:14	5:48	10:51	
Sunday	July 30	6:18	6:48	12:17	12:01
Monday	July 31	7:15	7:43	1:09	12:48
Tuesday	August 1	8:09	8:35	2:02	1:45
Wednesday	August 2	9:01	9:26	2:53	2:44
Thursday	August 3	9:53	10:17	3:40	3:42
Friday	August 4	10:45	11:09	4:23	4:37
Saturday	August 5	11:39		5:02	5:31
Sunday	August 6	12:02	12:34	5:42	6:33
Phases of the Moon		First Quarter	July 25th		
		Full Moon	August 1st		
		Last Quarter	August 8th		
		New Moon	August 16th		



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

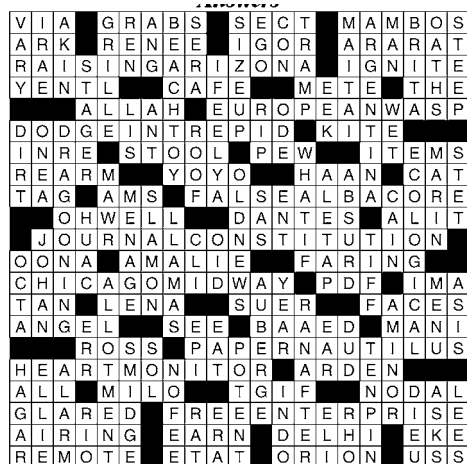
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3. Casual;
4. Binge

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Sudoku Answer

2	9	1	4	6	7	3	8	5
5	3	6	1	2	8	9	4	7
7	8	4	5	9	3	2	6	1
1	6	8	7	3	9	5	2	4
4	5	7	6	1	2	8	9	3
9	2	3	8	5	4	1	7	6
6	7	2	3	8	5	4	1	9
3	1	9	2	4	6	7	5	8
8	4	5	9	7	1	6	3	2

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Sparkling Water +Dep. **\$5.59**

Barilla - 12-14.5 oz. Protein+ Penne or Selected

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StarKist - 6.4 oz. Pouch, Chunk White

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Frito Lay - 3.625-5.125 oz. Selected

Minis Snacks **2/\$6**

Nabisco - 13.29-14.03 oz. Selected

Oreo Cookies **\$4.99**

Cabot

8 oz. Selected

**Shredded
Cheese**
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Quaker - 6.7 oz. Selected
Chewy Granola Bars **2/\$6**

Cabot - 7 oz. Selected
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Ice Cream **\$4.99**

Hood - Gallon Selected

Milk **\$4.49**

Florida's Natural - 52 oz. Selected

Juice **\$4.49**

Hillandale Farms - Dozen, Cage Free

Large White Eggs **\$4.29**

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SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, July 21 — Thursday, July 27, 2023



BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!



Friends'
Premium Certified
Black Angus, Bone-In
**Strip
Steak**
\$16⁹⁹
lb.



Store Made
Turkey
\$9⁹⁹
lb.



750 ml Italy
Red
**Mauro Molino
Barbera d'Alba
Wine**
\$17⁹⁹
Reg Price: \$18.99



Fever-Tree
16.9 oz. Bottle Selected
**Drink
Mixers**
2/\$5
+ Dep.



Cabot
6-8 oz. Bar Selected
(Excludes Cuts)
Cheese
2/\$6



Friendly's
48 oz. Selected
(Excludes Pistachio)
Ice Cream
\$4⁹⁹



Quality Produce



Pint, New Jersey
Blueberries..... \$3⁹⁹

6-16 oz. Pkg. Blackberries, Raspberries, or
Strawberries..... \$3⁹⁹

Locally Grown
Corn on the Cob..... 5/\$5

New Jersey
Tomatoes..... \$2⁴⁹
lb.

Locally Grown
Green Peppers..... \$1⁶⁹
lb.

Seedless
Cucumbers..... \$1⁶⁹
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